

difference between the delivered cost of fertilizers at farm gate and MRP payable by the farmer is given by the Government of India to the fertilizer manufacturers as subsidy.

Krishi Melas

3029. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government organised Krishi Melas for the benefit of farmers in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the benefits derived by farmers from such Melas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANS RAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) The Krishi Melas are organised by the State Governments, Agriculture Universities and Rashtriya Chemical and Fertilizers (RCF) in various parts of the country for the benefit of the farmers.

(b) The details of Krishi Melas, participated by National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) and Rashtriya Chemical and Fertilizers (RCF), in various parts of the country during the years 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 are as under:

Year	RCF	NFL
2011-2012	32	44
2012-2013	48	55
2013-2014	74	30

The benefits derived by the farmers from these Melas include awareness among them about the balanced use of fertilizers, new varieties of crops advantages of soil testing based nutrient application and new cost effective cultivation techniques etc.

Increase in prices of fertilizer

3030. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the increase in prices of fertilizers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, fertilizer-wise;

(c) the impact of such increase on farmers; and